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Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Bill Baker has given me the most gratifying news of my nomination by the Executive Committee of the University.

We have already exchanged some fairly formal statements. I was delighted at the congruence of my own image of the University with the one set forth in the application to the Brothers Fund.

Now in a more personal vein, may I express my appreciation for your own sympathy and patience in leading off my expressed concern that the presidency would be "too confusing" a task. The spirit I encountered from all sides during my visits persuaded me that the role would still exercise every intellectual fiber and muscle, and more! — and that the insight and commitment of the staff and the Board would make the administrative side a positive but manageable challenge.

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This is still a very large pledge for my family and myself; perhaps matched only by yours in having confided so large a responsibility to my shoulders. This note of appreciation is also a pledge of the commitment that will justify your trust.

The pledge is a personal one to you, matching the orientation of your own life by example. It is also a tradition deeply in my own consciousness since I was a schoolboy at P.S. 46 in Washington Heights!

With best wishes and high hopes,

Yours truly
Joshua Lederberg

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